



1 MARCH 2021

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Professional Development

At Brooklyn School, all teachers actively participate in ongoing learning throughout the year. This learning consists of a variety of formats including conferences, workshops, presentations and co-teaching with colleagues. There are times when teachers attend professional learning during the school day, and substitute teachers are employed to take the class. The investment in learning for our teachers enables us to provide the best possible education and support for our children. We appreciate the support that our school community display for this ongoing learning.

### AGHS & ABHS Visits

On the 18th February, teachers from Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High school held high school information sessions for our Year 5 & 6 students. Two past Brooklyn Public School students, who now attend Asquith Girls High School, were also on hand to answer any questions the students had as well as talk about their current experience. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and found them extremely informative in supporting the transition to high school.



### P&C Notice of AGM

The Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 4th March at 6pm. A new executive committee will be elected and I encourage your consideration.

### Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2021

Documentation for the 2021-2022 Year 6 to 7 enrolment process will be sent home with students on Wednesday 11 March 2021.

## CALENDAR

<b>Tuesdays</b>	7.45am Performance Band meets
<b>Thursdays</b>	7.45am Senior Jazz Band meets
<b>Thursdays</b>	8.15am Beginner Band meets
<b>Week 6</b>	
Wed 3 Mar	Scope IT
Thurs 4 Mar	P&C AGM & General Meeting—6pm
Fri 5 Mar	Class Sport
Fri 5 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival
<b>Week 7</b>	
Mon 8 Mar	Footsteps Dance
Mon 8 Mar	Clean Up Australia Day—at BPS
Wed 10 Mar	Scope IT
Fri 26 Feb	SISC (PSSA) / Tennis
<b>What's Coming Up</b>	
Wed 17, 24, 31 Mar	Scope IT
Fri 19 & 26 Mar	SISC (PSSA) / Tennis
Mon 22 Mar	African Drumming
Thurs 1 Apr	Easter Hat Parade / Last Day Term 1

Your child's designated local secondary school will already be entered on the Expression of Interest form. Parents or carers should return the completed Expression of Interest form to the school **no later than Friday 19th March 2021**.

### [Clean Up Australia Day—Sunday 7th March](#)

On Monday 8th March, we will be cleaning up our school for Clean Up Australia Day. Students may bring in a pair of gloves to wear when picking up rubbish and a disposable plastic bag for the rubbish collection. Thank you for your support with keeping our school clean and tidy!

### [Zone Swimming Carnival](#)

Each year we have the opportunity to send students to the Hornsby Zone Swimming Carnival. This year it is being held on Friday 5th March at Pymble Ladies College, Avon Road, Pymble. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, spectators are not permitted to attend. Students will travel to and from the carnival by bus. Parents of those students competing in the zone carnival are reminded to have their children at school by 7:15am for a prompt 7:30am departure. A big congratulations to the following students who will proudly represent Brooklyn Public School at the zone swimming carnival this year – Max, Violet, Edie, Elizabeth and Alex. We wish our zone representative swimmers all the best on Friday!



### [Harmony Day](#)

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. In schools we celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Harmony Day occurs on 21 March each year and coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The ongoing theme of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for all. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

This year, we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 22nd March. Students are encouraged to come dressed in orange clothing which is the colour associated with Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

On this day, students will participate in an African drumming incursion, which is both a feel-good activity and a learning tool. Students will walk away feeling energised with a sense of participation and the satisfaction of being creative as part of a community. Group drumming teaches the benefits of working as a team, with elements of both risk taking and trusting one another. It's both an individual experience of self-expression and a communal experience of achievement through group harmony, and studies have shown the stress relieving and healing effects that drumming provides. The children will be taught rhythms which are instantly accessible and give an immediate sense of achievement that builds confidence.

### [Footsteps](#)

Over the last few weeks, students have been participating in dance lessons where they have been exploring and learning dances from different cultures. Children will showcase their dance skills in a short video presentation that will go out to parents in Harmony week.

**6/5M** – Bhangra: inspired by South East Asia

**4/3/2L** – Lalala: inspired by Brazilian movements (Forro)

**1/KW** – We Know the Way: inspired by Pacific Islander movements (Samoan)



## Selective High School

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021 from 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Team to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from this school have been sent to:

Asquith Girls High School  
Stokes Ave  
ASQUITH NSW 2077

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

## Skool Loop App

I urge all parents to download the Skool Loop App on their mobile phones and devices. We use this regularly as a means of updating and reminding you of events.



## **READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME IDEAS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

### **Reading is important**

- Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever.
- Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes.
- Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school.

- Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today's world.
- Often parents are asked by the school to listen to their child read at home. It's a good way of supporting your child's reading. Books may be borrowed from your school library or your local library.
- Be confident that your child will learn to read.

### **What you can do at home to help**

- Be yourself. Involve children in everyday conversations.
- Read aloud to children. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
- Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- It is important to read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English. Experience shows that using your home language will help your child to learn to read in English.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- Listen to your child every day, even for a short time.
- Give books as treats and presents.

### **Hints for listening to your child read**

- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and imagine what will happen next time.
- After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.
- On finding an unknown word:  
**Pause** to give your child time to work out the word

### Prompt

- go back to the beginning of the sentence, or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence
- look for a clue in the picture or the words
- look at the first letter and think about what the words could be
- ask "Does this make sense?"
- try to sound out the word
- if necessary, tell your child the word

**Praise** your child for trying even if mistakes are made.

### What to read and do

- Tell and re-tell stories of all kinds including favourite stories, fairy tales, movie plots, local news items and family history.
- Play games such as "I spy... something beginning with d".
- Ask your child to read out simple recipes while you cook together.
- Read comics, magazines, short stories, poems and rhymes, including nursery rhymes.
- Do crosswords & other word puzzles together.
- Read the TV guide before watching a program.
- Look at letterbox leaflets together.
- Read directions and signs when driving and shopping.
- Read and write notes and letters to family members.
- Play board games together and read the rules.
- Provide plastic letters, crayons, pencils, pens and writing paper.

### And do remember...

- Discuss the meaning of stories and words.
- Encourage your child to read anywhere and at any time.
- Let your child see you enjoy reading.
- Visit and use a library near you. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.
- Talk to your child's classroom teacher or the principal for further help and advice.
- Enjoy reading – it should be fun.

**Kelly Cartwright**  
Principal

## K-6 ASSEMBLY - 19/2/21

**1/KW Merit Awards** Juno, Frank, Irene, Levi M

**Student of the Week** Frankie, Ariyah

**4/3/2L Merit Awards** Charlotte, Ethan, Juliette,  
Luca

**Student of the Week** Liam, Finley

**6/5M Merit Awards** Catherine, Rowan, Oliver,  
Jazmin

**Student of the Week** Hussain, Nim

**Happy Birthday to** Isaac

## What's Been Happening in 1/KW

1/KW were very excited to start tennis for sport this week. A variety of activities to practise our hand eye co-ordination skills were set up, including catching, balancing and bouncing. Particularly tricky was catching the balls as they came out of the ball machine. We all had great fun as we rotated around each activity.

Ms Lee West



Brooklyn Public School is very excited to be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021! Each year, students across NSW participate in the PRC to see who can read up to thirty new and different books.

Challenge dates:

**Challenge opens- Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Challenge closes- Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

At Brooklyn Public School, will be reading a range of brilliant books in our classrooms and as part of our weekly library lessons. Students in Years 3-6 will be learning how to independently find and keep track of the books they have read online through the PRC Student Site.



The PRC poster for 2021 (above) features artwork created by Dr Bronwyn Bancroft, a Bundjalung Woman and artist. Bronwyn has been exhibiting nationally and internationally for over 3 decades, and has written and/or illustrated 41 children's books.

Dr Bancroft's rationale behind the design of the 2021 PRC artwork is as follows:

"The image I have created for the Premier's Reading Challenge is a visual affirmation of the importance of the oldest form of communication, oral history.

Every generation learns from each other and this results in rich history that is vibrant and alive.

Being able to put the stories of our people, our families and our struggles into book form is amazing. To share is to educate and assists in diminishing ignorance."

You can find some of Dr Bancroft's books in our library and as part of the PRC reading lists.

More information regarding PRC will be sent home over the next week.

**Nicole Biviano**

**Premier's Reading Challenge Co-ordinator**

**Teacher Librarian**

# P & C Announcement



## AGM and General Meeting:

**When:** Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Where:** School Library

## Please Join the P&C for a little bit of fun!

Joining the P&C is a great way to connect with other local families and to help make a difference in your child's school environment. We look forward to seeing some new members at the AGM and as always, we welcome our old members too. There are plenty of vacant positions, enough for everyone who is interested! So please come along and see what it is all about.

## P&C Positions

At the Annual General Meeting, all Officer and other positions will become vacant and then be filled by nomination, and where necessary by ballot of members. All nominees shall be members of the association. Please email your nominations and seconding of nominated candidates to the P&C email [bps.pandc.association@gmail.com](mailto:bps.pandc.association@gmail.com) by COB Wednesday March 5pm. All nominations after this time can be tabled at the meeting.

Please use link to access information on roles. [FAQs – Federation of Parents & Citizens Associations NSW \(pandc.org.au\)](#)

These include; - Executive Committee - President, 2x Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary-, Minute Secretary. Sub-Committee - CAP, Fundraising, Uniform Shop, Garden Club

## P & C Online Shop link:

<https://brooklyn-pc-association.square.site/>

Please remember to use our fabulous online shop for all P&C membership payments and enquiries.



## A warm welcome to our new Beginner Band Members!

It is great to hear such wonderful music on a Thursday morning at 8.15am to 8.55am.



It's not too late to join ..... if you are learning an instrument and would like to join our School's Beginner Band please contact the P&C via email on [bps.pandc.association@gmail.com](mailto:bps.pandc.association@gmail.com) to find out more information!

And a warm welcome to Mr Peter Godbolt who will be working with Band Leader Rose Foster to support our amazing 2021 Senior Jazz Band !



## CAP Scholarship Announcement



For Brooklyn Public School Families needing assistance in accessing the music program, we would like to announce the 2021 Scholarship opportunities.

- 2 x Music Tuition Scholarships valued \$700  
*Kindly donated by Richie's Convenience and Jet Ski Safaris*
- 2 x Band Scholarships  
*Kindly donated by a local business (Business TBC)*

Please contact the P&C CAP committee via email on [bps.pandc.association@gmail.com](mailto:bps.pandc.association@gmail.com) to apply. Successful candidates will be notified by email.



# Ku-ring-gai High School

Turrumurra North Campus



## OUR SCHOOL, YOUR SCHOOL

Ku-ring-gai High School is a community that values individual worth and contribution. Our school ensures excellent student centred, coeducational and comprehensive education with a positive focus on developing students through future focused learning.

**Visit us on our open days:**  
Friday 26th February and Wednesday 3rd March

**Bookings Essential**

**For bookings and further information visit:**  
[kuringgai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://kuringgai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)



Contact us 02 9144 3477 | 403 Bobbin Head Road Turrumurra North  
[kuringgai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://kuringgai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

**WE'RE COVID SAFE**



# OPEN NIGHT

6.00PM TO 8.00PM

Tues  
2  
MARCH

Opportunities to meet with teachers, see exciting faculty displays, join guided tours and attend a Q&A session



For more information on our Open Night including details of how to register your attendance go to [www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

# ENRICHMENT

YEAR 7 2022

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE FRI 30 APR 2021

INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW FROM

[www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)



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**Ku-ring-gai High School**  
Turramurra North Campus

## NORTHERN ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

Scholarship Program

Specialised Year 7 Creative and Performing Arts class for Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Drama.

With the construction of our new specialised facilities and the expertise of our dedicated teachers, you will have the exciting opportunity to be involved in our long-standing culture of Creative and Performing Arts.

For more information visit:  
<https://kuringgai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



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Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



# OPEN NIGHT

Monday 8 March 2021

The staff and students of ABHS invite families and their sons to attend the Annual Open Night to hear about innovative programs designed specifically for boys.



**REGISTER TO ATTEND**

The Open Night will commence at 4pm and will run until 6pm. Parents and sons will participate in school tours (in groups), allowing them to:

- Meet our dedicated and caring staff.
- Ask questions of our Principal, School Executive, Staff and Student Leaders.
- Experience a taste of all that Asquith Boys High School can offer their sons.
- Learn about the wide range of extra-curricular and additional programs available to our students.

To assist us to make this event COVID-safe, we ask that all visitors register using the following online registration link:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BPEEZ>

Peats Ferry Rd, Asquith Phone: 9477 3508 [www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

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## **Hornsby Library is getting a face lift!**

With more space, a modern look and new areas for reading, creating, relaxing and discovering.

During the refurbishment there will be limited computer use and study space will not be available. Check the website for details or follow our Facebook page for latest updates.

### **Our opening hours will be:**

**Monday – Thursday: 11am – 9pm**

**Friday: 11am – 7pm**

**Saturday: 11am – 5pm**

**Sunday: 2pm – 5pm**

Please ask staff for further details or visit our website:  
[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

